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Note by the Secretariat

I. Introduction

1. At its fourteenth meeting, the Conference of the Parties to the Basel Convention on the Control of Transboundary Movements of Hazardous Wastes and Their Disposal is expected to adopt the work programme of the Open-ended Working Group for the biennium 2020–2021. In preparation for that process, and in accordance with its usual practice, the Secretariat has prepared a draft work programme for consideration by the Working Group at its eleventh meeting (see annex).

II. Proposed action

2. The Open-ended Working Group may wish to adopt a decision along the following lines:

The Open-ended Working Group

Takes note of the draft work programme of the Open-ended Working Group for 2020–2021[1] and transmits it to the Conference of the Parties for consideration and possible adoption, with any amendments, at its fourteenth meeting.

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[1] UNEP/CHW/OEWG.11/13/Rev.1, annex.

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Annex

Draft work programme of the Open-ended Working Group for 2020–2021

Topics	*Activities*	*Mandate*	*Priority*
I. Strategic issues			
A. Strategic framework	Consider a draft report on the final evaluation of the strategic framework for consideration by the Conference of the Parties at its fifteenth meeting	Decision BC-13/1 Decision BC-14/[…]	High
B. Development of guidelines for environmentally sound management	1. Review the progress made in the implementation of the work programme of the expert working group on environmentally sound management 2. Consider the draft documents developed by the expert working group on environmentally sound management	Decision BC-14/[…]	High
II. Scientific and technical matters			
A. Technical guidelines	1. Consider comments and information relating to a review of provisional low persistent organic pollutant content values in the general technical guidelines referred to in decision BC-14/[…] and other technical guidelines, as appropriate	Decision BC-14/[…]	High
	2. Update the general technical guidelines for the environmentally sound management of wastes consisting of, containing or contaminated with persistent organic pollutants and prepare or update specific technical guidelines with regard to the chemicals listed in Annexes A and C to the Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants by decisions SC-9/[…] and SC-9/[…] of the Conference of the Parties to the Stockholm Convention, including the following: (a) Establishment of levels of destruction and irreversible transformation for the chemicals necessary to ensure that when disposed of they do not exhibit the characteristics of persistent organic pollutants specified in paragraph 1 of Annex D to the Stockholm Convention; (b) Determination of which disposal methods constitute environmentally sound disposal as referred to in paragraph 1 (d) (ii) of Article 6 of the Stockholm Convention;	Decision BC-14/[…]	High
	(c) Establishment, as appropriate, of the concentration levels of the chemicals in order to define for the Stockholm Convention low persistent organic pollutant content as referred to in paragraph 1 (d) (ii) of Article 6 of the Convention		
	3. Consider the draft updated technical guidelines on incineration on land (D10) and on specially engineered landfill (D5)	Decision BC-14/[…]	Medium

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	4. Consider the draft updated technical guidelines on hazardous waste physico-chemical treatment (D9) and biological treatment (D8)	Decision BC-14/[...]	Medium
B. Electronic approaches to the notification and movement documents	1. Consider the outcome of activities undertaken by the Secretariat on a Basel Convention electronic system for the notification and movement of hazardous and other wastes	Decision BC-14/[...]	Medium
	2. Consider whether to initiate a process under the Basel Convention for establishing such a system	Decision BC-14/[...]	Medium
C. Marine plastic litter and microplastics	Consider work that may be carried out and, subject to the availability of resources, undertake the activities outlined in decision BC-14/[...] on marine plastic litter and microplastics	Decision BC-14/[...]	High
D. Waste containing nanomaterials	Consider progress made and work that may be carried out in relation to waste containing nanomaterials	Decision BC-14/[...]	Medium
III. Legal, governance and enforcement matters			
A. Consultation with the Committee Administering the Mechanism for Promoting Implementation and Compliance	Consult with the Committee on the activities of its 2020–2021 work programme, as provided in decision BC-14/[...], and on other matters as decided by the Committee	Decision BC-14/[...]	High
B. Providing further legal clarity	1. Consider progress made and provide guidance to the expert working group on the review of Annexes I, III and IV and related aspects of Annex IX to the Basel Convention	Decision BC-14/[...]	High
	2. Consider work that may be carried out to review Annexes II, VIII and IX to the Convention	Decision BC-14/[...]	Medium
IV. International cooperation and coordination			
A. Basel Convention Partnership Programme	1. Consider a report from the Basel Convention regional and coordinating centres on the implementation of activities listed in the work programme set out in the concept note on a follow-up partnership to the Partnership for Action on Computing Equipment and follow-up to decision BC-13/12	Decision BC-13/12 Decision BC-14/[...]	Medium
	2. Consider progress made and provide guidance on the implementation of the workplan of the household waste partnership working group	Decision BC-14/[...]	High
	3. Consider progress made on the further development of partnerships under the Basel Convention	Decision BC-14/[...]	High
B. Cooperation with the World Customs Organization on the Harmonized Commodity Description and Coding System	Consider progress made with regard to the inclusion of Basel Convention wastes in the World Customs Organization Harmonized Commodity Description and Coding System	Decision BC-14/[...]	Medium

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V. Programme of work and budget			
Financing and budget for the biennium 2020–2021	Consider the report by the Secretariat on the status of the implementation of decision BC-14/[…] on the programme of work and budget of the Basel Convention for the biennium 2020–2021	Decision BC-14/[…]	Medium